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**From:** Parker, Robert [Parker.Robert@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/23/2015 6:05:05 PM  
**To:** Russo, Rebecca [Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov]; Peterson, Cynthia [Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Cirian, Mike [Cirian.Mike@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Columbia Falls Aluminum Reduction Plant question

Hi Rebecca,

I'll defer to you on how much detail is needed. EPA is planning to propose the CFAC site to the NPL this week. The recent site assessment work and future remedial investigation/remedial action work has been/will be completed under CERCLA. Placing the site on the NPL ensures that additional investigation will occur. This investigation, known as the remedial investigation, will be designed to determine the nature and extent of contamination and will likely include soil samples. I've cc'ed Mike Cirian, who is the RPM on this site, to add anything if he'd like.

In regard to who will complete the investigation, we'll first look to the Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) to perform the work under an Administrative Order on Consent. If the Responsible Parties do not complete the work under an AOC, EPA will evaluate other options, including completing the work ourselves.

EPA has been in communication with Glencore. We'll continue to communicate with them in the near future to develop plans for completing the Remedial Investigation.

Regarding nearby domestic wells, we have previously sampled domestic wells three times. During the last two sampling events (last April and November) there weren't any detections of contaminants above risk based screening levels. This information has been presented to the public at a public meeting in December. Understandably, folks may have concerns regarding the potability of their water and we want to be responsive to the community's concerns. The scope of future domestic well sampling will be determined as the RI is planned.

Thanks,  
Rob

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**From:** Russo, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2015 11:03 AM  
**To:** Parker, Robert; Peterson, Cynthia  
**Subject:** FW: Columbia Falls Aluminum Reduction Plant question

Hi Robert and Cynthia,  
Can you address the questions below from Senator Tester's office?  
Thanks,  
Rebecca

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**From:** Snyder, Raquel  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2015 10:15 AM

**To:** Russo, Rebecca  
**Subject:** FW: Columbia Falls Aluminum Reduction Plant question

Hi Rebecca,

Sen. Tester's office had an inquiry about Columbia Falls (I'm handling an earlier NPL question) but could R8 address their site specific questions found below?

Many thanks,

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**Subject:** RE: Columbia Falls Aluminum Reduction Plant question

Thanks, Raquel.

Additionally, there are a few issues that arose during a roundtable that Senator Tester held on Friday in Columbia Falls that we wanted to follow up on. Senator Tester wants to ensure that the EPA is continuing to sample and assess the contamination on the property, including testing on the soils under the plant. Can you provide background on EPA's authorities and an update on what sampling is taking place or planned? The Senator is also interested in understanding what communication has occurred between the EPA and Glencore. Is the agency talking directly with the company? And finally, could you explain what EPA's role is with well water testing and monitoring in the community? Are there resources available for community members to ensure their well water is potable?

Thanks,

Janelle

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